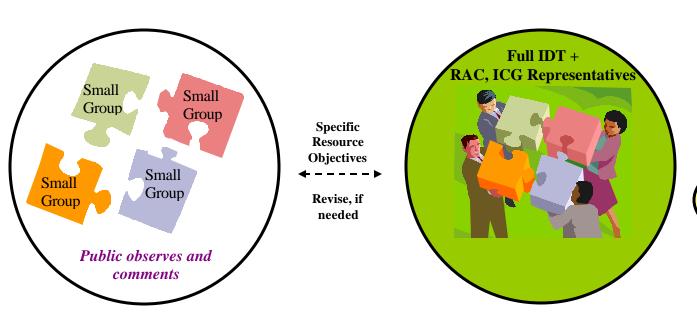
Alternative Development Process

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Using the products¹ developed to this point, **Small Working Groups** (<u>subset</u> of ID Team, RAC and ICG representatives) draft specific resource/use objectives consistent with DFCs

Large Working Group—Integrate products of small working groups to meet collective resource/use objectives that achieve DFCs; small group objectives may be revised



Draft **Preliminary Alternatives Structured Checkpoints** Peer Public Meetings review Large Group **Revises** Alternatives **Product** BLM packages alternatives into Draft Environmental **Impact Statement**

¹ Issues, Desired Future Conditions, Planning Criteria, RMP Questions, No Action Alternative, Affected Environment, Inventory & Assessment Data

ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS DETAIL

OVERVIEW

Work Group Structure

Small work group objectives:

Draft specific resource/use objectives consistent with DFCs

Resources required:

Issues, Desired Future Conditions, Planning Criteria, RMP Questions, No Action Alternative, Affected Environment, Inventory & Assessment Data, CEQ guidance describing a "reasonable range of alternatives", Definition and examples of objectives, Definition and examples of management actions

Work Group Teams:

Note: not all issues will be addressed first in a small work group format...some distinctively crosscutting issues will be addressed in the large group format only. See page 2 for details.

Large Work group objectives:

Integrate products of small working groups to meet collective resource/use objectives that achieve DFCs; small group objectives may be revised

Resources required:

Same as small work groups plus small work group product

Bruneau Small Work Groups	Bruneau Issues to be worked in large group format	NCA Small Work Groups	NCA Issues to be worked in large group format
1. Grazing & Vegetation (and considering Socio- Economic) 2. Recreation (and considering Socio- Economic) 3. Lands & Realty 4. Wildlife (including special status species) 5. Special Designations*	 Other (air quality, hazardous materials, fluid minerals, visual resources, paleontology, locatable minerals, saleable minerals) Environmental Justice? Special Designations Tribal & Cultural 	1. Grazing & Vegetation (and considering Socio-Economic) 2. Recreation (and considering Socio-Economic) 3. Lands & Realty 4. Wildlife (including special status species)	 Other (air quality, hazardous materials, fluid minerals, visual resources, paleontology, locatable minerals, saleable minerals) Environmental Justice? Special Designations Tribal & Cultural Idaho Army National Guard

^{*}This small group objective will be to validate proposals based one established criteria

SMALL WORK GROUPS HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Assignment:

Write at least one objective (see attached definitions/examples) that addresses each RMP question for your assigned issue. E-mail your draft objectives to Susan (north_country@att.net) and Marsha (mbracke@att.net) no later than two business days prior to your small group meeting.

Homework Objectives:

- To ensure that participants familiarize themselves with the background resources and the mental/practical process of developing objectives prior to the meeting
- To generate products that will jump start the meeting

Background Resources and Their Relationship:

Consider the following question in the context of each RMP Question:

How would I <u>change</u> the <u>current management</u> of the Bruneau and NCA, given what I know about the <u>current conditions</u>, what people are <u>concerned about</u> and what the BLM is managing for in the future?

- Change = Your proposed objectives that address the RMP questions
- Remember, you have the following resources at your disposal:
 - Current Management = No Action Alternative
 - > Current Conditions = Affected Environment (based on inventory & assessment info)
 - Concerned About = Issues
 - Managing For = Desired Future Conditions

Management Actions: As you prepare your objectives, it may be helpful for you to make a list of management actions that you would use to meet the objective. While any management actions you propose at this time are subject to change, they may be a particularly useful resource to help others understand how the objective could be met, Please maintain a list of those that you think are appropriate, submit them with your draft objectives. We will refer to them as needed during objective development, and later in the integration process as a large group product.

Draft Small Work Group Agenda

Objective:

To draft specific resource/use objectives consistent with the DFCs

Product:

A list of issue-specific objectives (except for Special Designations Small Group), appropriately grouped, to present to the large work group.

Resources:

Desired Future Condition Statement, Issue Statement, Questions the RMP must answer (issues/planning criteria), Nature of the decision to be made, CEQ guidance

Time	Topic	Process	Lead
TBD	Welcome/introductions	Information	Facilitator
	Workshop Overview (objectives/products)		Mike O'Donnell
	Groundrules/observers' role		
	 Process update, Next Steps 		
TBD	Process Preparation – Confirm Understanding	Information	Mike O'Donnell
	 Definitions (objectives and mgt actions) 		
	Reasonable range		
	Iterative nature of process		
	What "completion" means		
	 Roles and responsibilities of participants 		
TBD	Review, Discuss and Revise Objective Statements	Discussion	Team
	How does objective address RMP questions?		
	How does this objective change the No Action Alternative?		
	Consistency with issue/planning criteria?		
	Consistency with the DFC?		
	Is there a reasonable range of objectives?		
	 Collect any suggested management actions 		
TBD	Public Comment by Observers	Comment Period	Facilitator
TBD	Wrap-up	Discussion	Mike O'Donnell,
	 Next steps – what to expect from large group process 		Facilitator
	Evaluation		
TBD	Adjourn		

Draft Large Work Group Agenda

Objective:

To integrate products of small working groups to meet collective resource/use objectives that achieve DFCs (small group objectives may be revised in this process).

Product:

Groups of integrated and compatible objectives, with potential management actions, around which draft alternatives can be written as a follow-up action.

Resources: Same as small work groups, plus the small work group products

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TBD	Welcome/introductions Workshop Overview (objectives/products) Groundrules/observers' role Process update, Next Steps	Information	Facilitator Mike O'Donnell
TBD	Process Preparation – Confirm Understanding Definitions (objectives and mgt actions) Reasonable range Iterative nature of process What "completion" means Roles and responsibilities of participants	Information	Mike O'Donnell
TBD	 Small Work Group Presentations Succinctly present list of objectives and rationale Q&A 	Presentation/ Discussion	Small Work Groups
TBD	Integrating Objectives Process TBD (likely based on perspectives) Iterative discussion	Team	Facilitator
TBD	Public Comment (iterative)	Comment Period	Facilitator
TBD	Final Review and Revisions Test for discreteness, reasonable range Discuss potential management actions Final tweaking of objective groupings		
TBD	Wrap-upNext steps in alternative developmentEvaluation	Discussion	Mike O'Donnell, Facilitator
TBD	Adjourn		